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(C) The Ambassador discussed the increasing extremism of Iran's president and his recent inflammatory rhetoric regarding Israel with Minister of Foreign Affairs Carolina Barco on November 10. Foreign Minister Barco agreed the rhetoric was unacceptable and of concern, and had so informed the Israeli ambassador. She said the GOC was in touch with the Israelis on the matter and considering an appropriate response. Post will continue to monitor Colombian developments on this issue. DRUCKER